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SUBJECT: NEW POSTURE TOWARD NEW MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT AND
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

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1. SAW TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR KATIKAZA AUGUST 1 IN CONNECTION
PARA 3, REF A. TOLD HIM THAT I HAD EARLIER APPROACHED HIM
(REF C) AS DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND AS MAN WHO HAS
MANY AMERICAN FRIENDS, AND THAT HE WAS KIND ENOUGH TO GIVE ME
ADVICE AND COUNSEL. PURPOSE OF MY CURENT VISIT WAS TO KEEP
ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS SINCE OUR LAST CONVERSATION. I THEN
RELATED TO HIM MY UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO SEE MONTEIRO IN THE
PRESIDENCY (PER HIS SUGGESTION) AND FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO.
SINCE THIS HAD BEEN IMPOSSIBLE, CONSUL REED HAD DELIVERED
SIGNED ORIGINAL OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO FOREIGN
MINISTER'S STAFF. MENTIONED OUR DELIVERY OF SIGNED ORIGINAL
OF SECRETARY'S LETTER TO MACHEL IN SAME MANNER ABOUT TWO WEEKS
AGO AND FACT THAT TEXTS OF THESE LETTERS HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO
FREIMO PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE. I SAID THAT WE CONSIDERED
THESE LETTERS TO CONSTITUTE OUR FORMAL PROPOSAL FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

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WM I DID NOT ASK FOR ANY COMMENT AND THERE WAS A PERIOD OF SILENCE. KATIKAZA THEN SAID THAT HE HAD SEEN FONMIN CHISSANO ABOUT A WEEK AGO IN HIS FIRST FORMAL CALL WHICH LASTED ALMOST AN HOUR. HE SAID HE DID NOT THEN BRING UP MOZAMBIQUE'S DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE WESTERN POWERS, THOUGH THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR (SIC) HAD ALSO APPROACHED HIM ON THIS MATTER. HE SAID HE WAS SEEING CHISSANO PROBABLY TOMORROW AND HE FELT THAT THE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY WOULD ARISE TO ASK HIM ABOUT THIS QUESTION. I REPLIED FIRMLY THAT I WAS NOT ASKING HIM TO DO ANYTHING BUT WAS SIMPLY INFORMING HIM OF THE STATUS OF THE SITUATION. HE SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE QUITE NORMAL FOR HIM TO WORK THIS QUESTION INTO THE CONVERSATION AS TANZANIA HAD VERY GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND WITH MOZAMBIQUE AND THIS IS A MATTER OF INTEREST TO HIS GOVERNMENT. HE SAID HE WOULD LET ME KNOW IF HE HAD ANYTHING TO REPORT. I REITERATED THAT I WAS NOT ASKING HIM TO RAISE THE QUESTION.

3. OMPAKAZA SAID THAT THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT (COUNCIL OF MINISTERS) HAD BEEN IN DAILY SESSION BETWEEN JULY 9 AND JULY 23 (THE DAY PRIOR TO MACHEL'S SPEECH) AND THAT THE DEFENSE COUNCIL HAD BEEN IN DAILY SESSION DURING THE PAST WEEK. OTHER THAN THAT, HE OFFERED NO EXPLANATION REGARDING INACTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. HE WAS MOST FRIENDLY BUT I AM NOT HOLDING MY BREATH FOR HARD INFORMATION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH US OR OTHER WESTERN POWERS.

4. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED.
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